By Her Majesty's Royal Letters Patent.

THE PATENT RAMONEUR* ASSOCIATION, FOR PROMOTING THE SWEEPING OF CHIMNEYS BY MACHINERY.—CENTRAL OFFICE, 34, FOLEY-PLACE, PORTLAND-PLACE.

In consequence of an Act passed August 7, 1840, intituled, "An Act for the Regulation of Chimney-sweepers and Chimneys," by which it is enacted, "That from and after the first of July, 1841, any person who shall compel or knowingly allow any child or young person, under the age of twenty-one years, to ascend or descend a chimney or enter a flue for the purpose of sweeping, cleansing, or coring the same, or for extinguishing a fire therein, shall be liable to a penalty of not more than ten pounds, or less than five pounds,"—all chimneys from henceforth must be cleaned and swept by machinery.

This Association of gentlemen has its origin in an earnest desire to promote a cause which has long occupied the attention of the warmest friends of humanity, and to give decided and practical effect to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act of Parliament.

In responding to the call of humanity, by the entire abolition of the unfeelingly and afflicting practice of cleansing chimneys by the direct agency of the living Infant Sweeper, the directory of the Legislature has been enspirited to render a public benefit, by the achievement of one evil of great magnitude, and a frightful means of hurting misery. It only remains that the detail of extent contemplated be carried out, in the way that may secure the best adaptation to perform the working of the Act, and accomplish the requisite changes, harmonizing with the public sense of fitness and propriety.

This Association, therefore, brings before the country an effective means of alleviating, for the future, the necessity of any appeals to the evils of the old system in accordance with the general feeling that pervades on the subject, and in strict and active furtherance of the law as it now stands.

The considerations which the Association desire to lay before the public arrange themselves under the following general heads:—

The evil known and acknowledged difficulty and danger of the old practice, and the dangerous exposure and risk to property in large mansions from the imperfect performance of chimney-sweeping.

The harsh and by any hard and cruel treatment of the human climber, from a tendency (in a certain degree, perhaps inseparable from the nature of the old process, and the effects of prescriptive custom, as exercised by unenlightened masters.

The unerring and perfect performance of the Association's new Machinery, coupled with its simplicity of construction, its great effective power, and its ease of management.

The great improvement of an certain effect in the extinction of accidental fire in chimneys.

The great protection and security afforded to the public through the perfect operation of the Machines, and the consequent unfailing certainty of convenience in the domestic arrangements,—as all the chimneys of a house can be perfectly swept in one visit, in much less time than is now required; with a guaranteed security, for the due performance of this specific duty, undertaken, and against injury or loss from carelessness, mismanagement, or depredation.

The Association has also in view the very important objects of affording complete relief to the entire class of sweeping adults and children, by elevating them from their present degraded and confirmed condition to the rank of well-conducted, domestic operatives, and finally paid, workmen.

The duty of sweeping chimneys by machinery being, in a few years, all of the execution of the order with the names of the workmen employed, will be entered in the books of the Association, at their principal office, 34, Foley-place; thus affording satisfactory proof in cases of fire, of the chimneys having been properly swept, where the source of fire may be the effect of legal carelessness; and preventing any disposition on the part of the labourer to commit secret offences, from the knowledge certainty of immediate detection.

The PATENT RAMONEUR ASSOCIATION, to carry out these public objects, have appointed responsible persons as Agents in the country towns, and will, in conjunction with the Local Committees, provided with adequate channels to carry out the operations of sweeping them once a quarter and more frequent appearances when the chimneys may require it, than is at present entrusted; and when, in lieu of the county and prejudicious patterers hitherto adopted, those well-regular crowds of enlightened assistant to afford them, the considerate good behaviour of whom the staff respect enjoyed by other professional labourers.

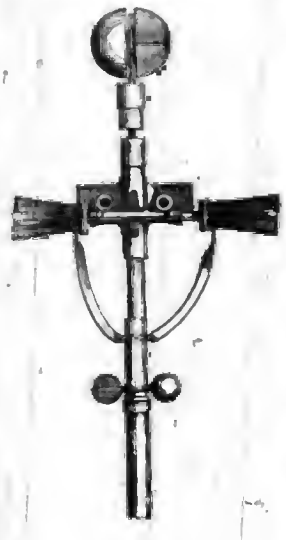
The Association beg to inform the Nobility, Gentry, and Public, that, under these arrangements an application being made to the Central Office, a workman and assistant will attend with the Machine, and, if necessary, on the first visit, the requisite orders will be given for the execution of the operation. The rate charged for each chimney, under the old system and Machinery, will not be exceeded; and should it be declined, a lesser may be contracted for by the year, on the same terms as heretofore; the extra charge being made for machinery, or for the greater convenience, cleanliness, and security of property, afforded by the arrangements of the Association.

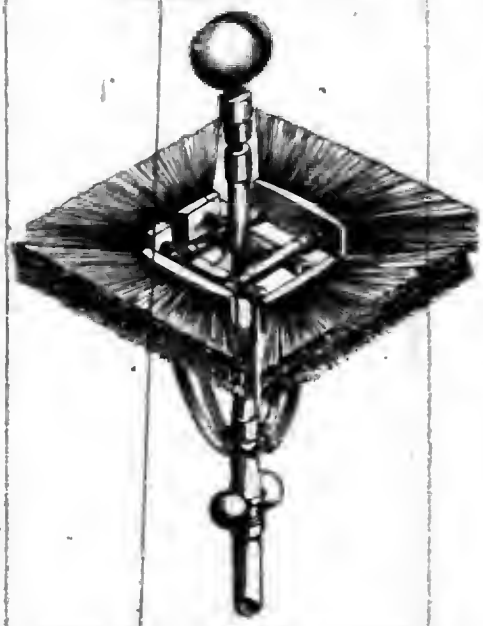
W. A. TROTTER, Secretary.

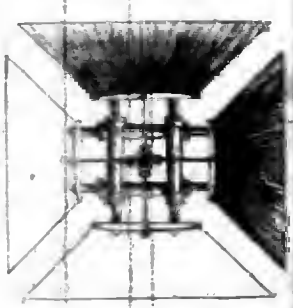
Superintendent Mr. W. Speller, 10, Berkeley-street West, Edgware-road.

*** In connexion with the establishment, the Association has introduced a Patent Chimney-pot, which effectually cures the dangerous draught and suppression that are of "cowls," which cannot escape fracture by the Machinery employed for sweeping the chimneys.

* From the French verb "Ramoner," to sweep.







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